## REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 17 to place claim 17 in independent form. Support for new claims 18-33 can be found, for example, on pages 4-8 and page 16 of the present specification.

Entry and consideration of the above changes is respectfully requested.

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## APPENDIX

## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is **changed** as follows:

On page 1, insert before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/014,572 filed January 28, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**Page 15, second full paragraph:**

The laminate film for use in the present invention is obtained by laminating the above-described SPE or pre-SPE film on a film base material. The SPE is laminated by a known coating method such as a doctor knife method and then polymerized to cure by thermal polymerization or the like. Use of a thin film such as a metal or metal oxide formed by [as] vapor deposition on the surface of the film base material is preferred in view of wettability and peelability. The SPE film of the laminate film usually has a thickness of from 1 to 1,000 μm, preferably from 1 to 300 μm, more preferably from 1 to 50 μm.

**Page 16, the first full paragraph:**

The battery of the present invention is obtained by impregnating the solid polymer [elecrtolyte] electrolyte film/electrode composite fabricated according to the above-described method with an electrolytic solution under reduced pressure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are **amended** as follows.

17. (Amended) A battery obtained by [the] a method [as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 16] comprising the steps of:

a) providing a composite of a solid polymer electrolyte film and a thin film-shaped porous electrode obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

i) providing said solid polymer electrolyte film;

ii) providing said porous electrode comprising an electrochemically active substance;

iii) contacting said solid polymer electrolyte film with said porous electrode; and

iv) reducing pressure inside said porous electrode to fix said solid polymer electrolyte film to said porous electrode;

b) impregnating said porous electrode in said composite under reduced pressure with an electrolytic solution.

**Claims 18-33 are added as new claims.**